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*Ante-meridiem.*

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A SHORT WARNING,  
From the Commission of the  
*Generall Assemblie*;  
Concerning the Malignants now in Arms.



**A**lbeit the Designs and  
Carriage, of the Malignant-  
partie now in Arms, and their Com-  
plices, bee in themselves so many, and so  
manifestly wicked, as may render them  
odious, and detestable, unto all the people  
of GOD, in this Land, [at the first looking thereon; Yet  
the LORD having called vs thereunto, wee hold it our due-  
tie (as here-to-fore) to giue Warning thereof; Both for the  
reclaming of these, who are already insnared therein, and for  
the guarding of others, agaynst Temptations thereunto.

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Wee need not bee at much payns, in fynding out of these mens intentions; nor go far off, for Learning of the ends which they propose unto themselues, in their present actings; These being no other, than hath bene promoted by the Malignant partie from the beginning: To wit, the setting vp of themselues, under a pretence of Promoting Royall Authoritie, and kingly interest; That they may the more easily bear down these who haue bene instrumentall in the **W**ork of **G O D**; and at last destroy the **W**ork it self, a design which had bene to bee abhorred in any; but much more in these men, who are so Solemnly tyed before the **L O R D**, by the Oath of the **C O V E N A N T** vnto the contrary, and agaynst whose former Malignant wayes, and back-slydings, the **L O R D S** Hand hath been lifted up so high, unto the breaking of the Pryde of their Power, oftner than once: And, who haue so lately bene offering and professing, before the **C H U R C H** of **G O D**, their Repentance, for such things; as being convinced in their Consciences of the Sinfulness, and Unlawfulness of the same: And, who stand under the Tye of so many Promises & Subscriptions, both to the State & Church, to the contrarie: Severall of the most eninent amongst them, do by these their late actions stand now proclaimed before the World, & under their own hands, infamous & perfidious Covenant breakers: And, it doth much heighten their iniquitie; That they haue conspired together against **G O D S** People, in such a tyme; when there is also another Enemie in the Land, designing Mischief against Religion, and Government.

Wee may say, Wee are brought low: But wee hope, That the **L O R D** shall prevent vs, with His Mercies, and require it at their hands. If there bee any place left for exhortation, wee **W**ran these men, to consider, How the **W**reath & Vengeance of the **L O R D** hath been persuing the Malignant partie, in all these Kingdoms, these many years past; and, how many tymes their own Designs haue bene blast ed, and themselues brought nigh vnto Destruction; And, to rem em her what a severe Aven-  
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ger the LORD is of Covenant-breaking, and of the open mocking of His NAME, by falling foully agayn into these finnes, which once haue bene confessed, & they seem to haue repented of: And what a foull itayn it is upon their Consciences and credit, to go contrary to so many late Professions, and violate so many Bands and Obligations, taken upon themselves for avoyding all Malignant Wayes, and not disturbing the Peace of the Kingdom: And, how monstrous and unnaturall a thing it is, to haue risen agaynst their Countrey, and the Publick Authoritie of the Land, when they had to do with a pre-vailling Enemy; And, it shall bee Wisdom for these that are in Authoritie, to walk with Malignants, according to the rule of the Word of GOD, and Band of the COVENANT, to take good heed of trusting, and taking in, such as haue bene opposit to the Work of GOD, so many experiences teaching the unsoundness of most of these from year to year, which also may teach all these who haue recovered themselves, out of such Snares, to take heed, that they bee not agayn involved therein; But that as they haue professed their Repentance, for their Accession to any Malignant courses, so they may labour to get their Hearts established through Grace, that they fall not back with others, into the same Sinne.

AND, Wee exhort the whole LAND, To beware of Compliance, with these Sonnes of *Beliall*, either by joyning with them in Armes, or concurring in Counsell and Designs, or by assisting them with men, or moneyes, or provisions, or by corresponding with them, or countenancing of them, or conniving at their wicked wayes; As they would not draw Guilt vpon themselves, before the LORD, and proue Treacherous and Unsteadfast in His COVENANT and CAUSE.

THE Straytes and Sufferinges of His People, bee indeed, at this tyme, many and great; But it is better to suffer the hardest of Afflictions, than to sinne agaynst GOD, by complying with an evill Course: And, Wee are confident, That  
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vnto those who keep their Steadfastness, GOD shall open a  
Door of Hope, and make a Day of SALVATION to ap-  
pear: Therefore, Let all men, in the Strength and Fear of  
the LORD, do their Duetie agaynst Enemies on both hands;  
And the LORD shall giue DELIVERANCE.

*A. Ker.*



*For the right worshipfull Sir Tho. Jerquhart  
Provost of A.D.*

# THE ANSWER

Of the Commission of the Ge-  
nerall Assemblie, to the Quære,  
Propounded to them, from the  
PARLIAMENT.

WITH  
AN ANSWER  
Of the Commission of the Gene-  
rall Assemblie, to a letter, sent to  
them, from the Ministers of the  
Presbyterie of Sterline.



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